

The Church of God Evangel

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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THE EVANGEL HAS HAD A STRUGGLE BUT IT KNOWS NO DEFEAT

Grit And Determination And The Power of The Holy Ghost Have Led to Many Victories

MANY GOOD REASONS

Pulling Together With no Balks Always Brings Success.

Great Things Done Because of Strong Determination.

Well, here I come again because there is no place to stop. I do not feel that I am altogether responsible for this going, but I have never intentionally balked or pulled back since I was put in motion by a power that was superior to my own strength.

In this constant going the fields are ever changing, and the landscape always new. There is no l-o-n-g d-r-a-w-n out monotony when the way is ever new on account of constant advancement. I have not been over the world so much, only about thirty-five states, some trips on the ocean touching several islands and landing on a number, but I have been in almost every corner of the world in my mind because of the knowledge I have from the study of geography. Much of this kind of travel has been uninteresting because of a sameness, but this going that I am am going is not monotonous, because of the many interesting features and glorious achievements that are constantly telling for themselves.

While I am going and going there are many good reasons for continuing on the trip. The first to notice is the old adage, "Got a going and couldn't stop." Some people get sick and have to stop, but sickness does not stop me. I sometimes feel bad in my body but it takes more than that to stop what has already got up such a speed. Trains do not stop because the conductor gets sick. Ships do not slow down and quit moving when the passengers turn seasick. But little notice is taken of such by the hard working crew. It seems that I have got going and can't stop. I have been running at break-neck speed for nearly thirty years, and thirteen years ago when I was baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire even that speed seemed to be quickened. And the last seven years has been such that I have no way of making an estimate. I have already covered thousands more territory than I ever expected I could, and no prospect of any end yet.

The Lord and the Church of God have given me the best business in the world. I don't see how any body could ever find anything any better. I would rather have the position I occupy than any position occupied by politicians, statesmen, nobles, kings or presidents. Like the apostle of old, I magnify my office. I am not now referring to the office of General Overseer, I mean the work—eighteen hours a day of going, going, and going. I think it is wonderful to have the privilege of having so much to do that it cannot possibly be done in shorter hours. Well, it probably could be done by some one in shorter hours, but going and going as I am I can't get it done in shorter hours. And by being kept so busy as long as I can keep awake, there is no chance for me to get into trouble like so many do who have more idle moments. It is idle people that fall into devil traps. Those who are on the run for God very seldom, if ever, fall into the devil's coils.

Another good reason is, because the brethren and God have appointed me to edit and publish the best paper that goes

through the mails. What paper in the world is so full of the fire of God's presence! What one is so cram jam full of the very best soul food that is expected to be poured down from the mountain tops of glory! Where is one that is loved so well by its supporters and readers! I think this is wonderful, for I have not heard an answer given, so I conclude there are none! If this is the case, then, no wonder I feel honored for the honor bestowed upon me by the Lord and His Church. I love the paper! You love the paper!

The way the paper has been going under my supervision reminds me of the way my father used to tell me that the Indians taught their little papooses how to swim. Big Indian would take the little fellow and throw him into a stream and he would have to swim or drown. The brethren threw me into this stream of rushing, rolling, foaming water and it is swim and ride over the shoals and eddies or drown. Well, I never have drowned yet, but I have been so badly strangled at times that I could have drowned if I had just given up. But, somehow, I can't give up. I have been tempted to, when the billows rolled and tossed so high that I could not sleep of nights or could scarcely swallow a bite of food, but with that God given grit and dogged determination constantly nagging at me I could not get quiet enough to drown. I was going and going and couldn't stop or I sure would have drowned several times since I was placed in this honored position where there is no time for neither rest nor recreation.

I think I have given enough good reasons so I will pass on to the second division. Pulling together with no balks always brings success. And this has been done so much that fears of a failure are never entertained. My people, whom I serve these eighteen hours a day in my going and going, love me with an extreme kind of love. I believe many of them love me so good that they would offer themselves to go to prison or the stake in my place if I were condemned to such punishment like so many of the saints of old. And on the other hand my love for them is unbounded. In comparison it is deeper than the sea, and higher than the horizon and deep blue above. I would not do for them in this going and going eighteen hours a day if I did not love them. Money does not make me do it. The law does not force me to do it. But there is that impelling power of love back of me that forces me on and that cord of love that pulls.

Now, since we have been loving each other so long, and pulling together so much, and won so many brilliant victories there is nothing else to do but to just keep on at it. We do not expect anything but to pull together. The load has to be moved. The victory has to be won. We are not the kind that retreats. We know no defeat. We are going, going, forward, and we know by experience that pulling together with no balks always brings success.

We will now pass to the third division. Great things done because of strong determination.

That's the Church of God all out and out. That is her history. Although she has waded through bloody seas and suffered untold misery and torture at the hands of her enemies, she is still on the firing line ready for the fiercest battle and for the bloodiest campaign. Determination? Yes, sir, strong determination!

As stated briefly last week the Evangel has again reached a stage in its whirl through the world that it will have to have help to live. It has gone to its limit. I've felt and seen this crisis coming for some time, but I was hopeful and determined to make every turn possible and put off asking for help as long as possible, and this I have done. But now it has come, and I am not asking for donations or contributions. I want every one that helps to get the worth of his money. I only ask for subscriptions, new and renewals, but I specially ask for every subscriber to send at least one dollar, and as much more as possible and let me give you credit for advance payment on your subscription. Make it one, two, three, four years or even more.

When you write and send your money, and I'm sure you will do it, please say in a few words what it is for so my clerks and book keepers will fully understand and give you the due credit. I want you to have your money's worth for all you send.

Now, my dearly beloved, please do not think of passing this appeal over lightly, for if you should all go to putting it off and one wait and depend on another I would go to the wall while you wait and you would be wondering why your paper did not come. Please remember I have put this off to the limit of time. I want you to feel about it like I feel! The mutual love we have, you for me, and I for you, puts us close together. I tell you this love is so wonderful! I seem to feel you loving me now, and I'm sure you will feel me loving you when you get this message. And my love is so powerful—heaving in my breast as I write, that if you are awake you would feel it now. But I hardly expect you to be awake except you are in the far west, for I write at the midnight hour.

Oh, I'm full of fire and unlimited faith in every one of you and I know you would not disappoint me for the world when you know I am depending on you as I am. You love me too well to see me fail. And you are too dear to me for me to make such a strong appeal to you for help if I was not in extreme need. As stated above I have put it off as long as I can—too long perhaps, but I am sure you are going to rally to the front and help me to save the day.

Remember, I am not asking for donations, although donations will not be refused, but I am asking for every subscriber to send me at least one year's subscription price in advance and the amount will be credited to your subscription wherever it is paid up to. I'm sure this is clear.

Now, I'll run down to the house and catch a few hours of sleep, be out here again early tomorrow morning D. V., ready to receive what is coming. And already one lover of the paper has sent in this advance payment, even before last week's paper was mailed. I wondered how this could be, but it was done just the same.

Looking for a leap and a bound to the greatest victory in this drive, I bid you good night! Lovingly yours, still on the run. — The Publisher.

LIKE IT WAS THE LAST

Act Toward Every One in a Way You Will Have no Regrets.

Only One Way to Insure Happiness—Be Loyal.

The last will come to every one sooner or later. And while this is a well known fact there is another thing equally as true—it may come in an hour, a day or a week, and at a time least expected.

The last letter written by the great apostle Paul was the second one he wrote to Timothy. In this letter he urged Timothy to come to him in great haste. He knew he was going to be slain soon and he wanted to see Timothy one time more. Perhaps he had some special information to impart to him. At any rate, Paul was executed—his head was cut off on Nero's block before Timothy could reach him. It may be that their last parting was like it was to be the last, but I have some doubts of it. They were both hopeful and doubtless expected to meet again, but failed.

Paul and Timothy were partners in the gospel work, although Timothy was always subject to Paul on account of position. Their labor together was pleasant and they had no regrets. Evidently they worked together in a pleasant way like it was the last. There were no jealousies, no disagreement, no rash words, no harshness, not the least ripple of disagreement. Their life work together had been smooth so it was not to settle anything between them that Paul was so anxious to have him come before he departed hence.

Sometimes ministers fall into the same meeting together. This may be by special arrangement, or it may be providential. But no matter how it happens it is all important that they get along smoothly and work together harmoniously. They should work together like it was the last time they would ever meet so at their parting from this world there could be no occasion for regrets.

I once fell in with a minister in a protracted meeting. It was his meetings and I recognized him as my superior. I did not expect to preach. I only wanted to help with my prayers and otherwise. He seemed very much delighted for me to be with him. Everything went on smoothly for a few days. The Lord began to work and the altar was filled with seekers. Prospects were fine for a good meeting. But he soon got harsh and rough in his preaching. That brought dissatisfaction among the people and he saw it and felt it and that seemed to make him worse.

This brother finally asked me to preach. I politely refused. I told him I had rather not, that it was his meeting and I only wanted to help pray and sing and work at the altar. But he insisted, saying he had prayed over it and the Lord had shown him that I would preach at a certain time. I finally consented and preached one sermon. At the close the altar was again filled with seekers and the revival broke out afresh. All seemed encouraged but a preacher. He seemed to get worse. Nothing could please him. I did my best to get along with him. At last I decided I would stay away, but before I separated from him I told him that I wanted everything clean between us so there would be

nothing to meet at the judgment. We talked over matters and I assured him I had nothing in my heart against him and I hoped that things would go on better. We shook hands like it was the last. I have never seen or heard from him since he left there, but I was told he got worse and worse, until he closed. Of course he was not a Church of God minister. After he was gone the people of the community begged me to come back. I finally consented and a great revival broke out and many souls were saved.

Now, this kind of thing ought not come up between ministers. I have never met it with a Church of God minister, and I hope no two of our ministers will ever have it that way. We must work together smoothly like it is the last work we will ever do together.

This should be the spirit of our lives. You should act toward every one in a way you will have no regrets. Some differences arose between brethren and there were some serious things connected with it. The trouble was brought to me for consideration. In giving it attention I began to revolve in my mind about which party might die first. I felt that it would be a serious thing to decide against either party and then in a day or two that very one should die. Then I became very serious and had a deep desire in my heart to want my part in the matter to be such as if it were the last of either party so I would have no regrets. I knew there was guilt. I knew some body had been wronged and some body had to do wrong if some body had been wronged. Further investigation brought more people into it. There was a chain of circumstances, one depending on another, until much was involved. I commenced the matter very lightly and carefully. I did not want to discourage any of the parties. To me one soul was worth as much as another and I wanted to act in a way that would be most likely to save all of them that were concerned.

I give these incidents to illustrate the importance of acting toward every one in a way you will have no regrets. This careful tender spirit is certainly in harmony with Paul's teaching at Gal. 6:1. "Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted."

Here is a man that has been overcome. The temptations were more than he could ride over. He yielded and committed a wrong of some kind. Now what must be done? Shall this man be excluded from the Church? Shall no mercy be extended to him? Paul says, "ye which are spiritual, restore" him. He does not merely say try to do it, but he says do it. I suppose there may be some exceptional cases that can't be restored, but with the proper efforts by real spiritual people I believe most of those who have fallen into wrongs can be restored. At any rate we should deal with them like it was the last—like they may die in a few days. Deal with them and act toward them in a way that if they should die I will have no regrets. For myself I can't be too careful—I can't be too tender. It is going to mean much for me to stand before the judgment seat of Christ and

be judged according to what I do in this respect, therefore I must be very careful.

In dealing with an offender I must do it with the spirit of meekness—submission to God and His truth. I must remember that I might be over tempted and get into the same kind of trouble. I must try to lift this man up instead of throwing him aside and make no effort. I must consider myself that I may be tempted some time and if I do not deal with this guilty party just right I may lose my footing and probably fall into the same pit he is in.

An incident was related to me of a minister who had been very hard on people who were guilty of a certain sin. He would not show them any mercy whatever. If they were found guilty he would scarcely give them any chance to repent. He influenced his congregation in such a way that every one was excluded almost if not wholly without giving them any chance for repentance, or even to try to make amends. It was only a few months or probably a year or more afterwards that this same minister fell into the very same trap. Then he began to cry for mercy—the very thing he had so stoutly refused the others. He did not want to be put out of his ministry for his crime. He wanted mercy. And of course mercy was extended by those in authority, but I do not know the final outcome.

I am reminded of the illustration Jesus gave. A certain man owed his lord ten thousand talents. His lord commanded him to be sold, also his wife and children and all of his possessions and payment to be made. But the servant fell down and began to plead for mercy. His lord had compassion on him and forgave him the debt. This is like our awful sins and crimes and rebellions that the Lord has forgiven. Then this man went right on off and met one of his fellow servants that owed him the little sum of one hundred pence (about seventeen dollars) and took him by the throat and demanded payment to be made. In vain the servant begged for mercy, but no mercy was given. The poor man was thrust into prison. There is the picture of the man that would show no mercy on his fellow servants.

Well, now, what next? When the lord of that servant was informed about the matter and the way the first servant had treated the second servant he called the servant which he had forgiven a "wicked servant," and delivered him to tormentors. (Matt. 18:23-35) I tell you, I must not be hard on my fellow servants. If I want mercy I must show mercy. And besides this I want to deal with my fellow servants like it was the last, so that if he should die in a few days I would have no regrets.

How careful we ought to be in our short journey through life! A writer has said, "Out of the darkness, out of the deep, we all came; into the darkness, into the great deep, we all are going. Only two or three broad elementary facts are clear to us—that God made us; that our bodies are not ourselves; that our well-being here and hereafter depends only on obeying the will of God; that all else is, in comparison, less than nothing. The bridge of three-score and ten arches, and one or two broken ones beyond them, with a black cloud at either end of it, and many trap-

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MY YOKE-FELLOW

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"Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls." Matt 11:29.

Quite recently, it was my privilege to get a wonderful lesson as I watched some oxen as they labored faithfully with their heavy load. The only way they had of moving along with the heavy load attached to them was by a heavy wooden yoke laid upon their necks and fastened to the wagon tongue, this was to move the entire load. Many oxen were hitched to the same wagon and I noticed they were so well trained that when the driver would speak in a certain way every one would fall in line and straighten themselves along the wagon tongue, and slowly each one simultaneously would throw his great weight against the load. You would see the wagon begin to move slowly but surely. I noticed the driver had no lines on the oxen and no way of guiding them, only a word of command which they readily obeyed. To enforce the command should an ox become rebellious, the driver held in his hand a long plaited whip which he cracked occasionally. He told us that he rarely ever hit the oxen, and then when they were unruly. The oxen knew their driver's voice and when driven by anyone else who did not understand their training, their work was not as efficient. One peculiarity about them was the fact that they leaned to one another when pulling. The driver told me that in a "tight pull" when they were called upon to exert an unusual amount of strength, they would often fall upon their knees, and called my attention to their knees, which were hardened and rough. These oxen were driven almost every day, but were fat and sleek. The driver told me he would never exchange his oxen for any modern machinery for nothing could do the work of the oxen as successfully as they.

As I watched them day after day, my heart went out to these dumb beasts of labor and as I sympathized with them, I began to compare my own life with the life of the oxen and I found there was not such a wide difference after all. These dumb beasts were carrying to a nearby sawmill many large saw logs which were to be cut into lumber from which a Church of God building was to be erected for the advancement of the gospel and edifying of the saints. So after all they were giving their lives for the same cause as I, though theirs was forced labor while mine was love service, nevertheless, I got a great lesson as I begin to think of my own labor and of my own yoke and my true Yoke-fellow.

I remember reading in 1 Cor. 3:9, "We are laborers together with God," the marginal reading says, "We are God's fellow workers." Then I remembered where Jesus said, "Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me," and the question was unraveled.

I have been considering this yoke question for several days and I find where the devil will slip in on us if we give place to him and put a yoke on us, we will not be able to bear. God knew just to an ounce how

much we would pull without pulling our necks and if we will obey His commands we will find our load will be heavy enough without us adding one feather's weight. The enemy did all he could to get a yoke upon the disciples by getting in the sign of circumcision, but they knew the Gospel and in Acts 15:10, we find where they flatly refused to take this false yoke upon them. They already had all they could bear. The same enemy today, the devil, would like to get us yoked up to a load we could never move. I am glad we have the guide Book and know some things and are constantly learning more of Him.

Suppose with these well trained oxen, the driver should have hitched in an ox that was balky and rebellious and that would not work. He would not go and would pull back the ones who would pull. What instructions in the guide Book (the Bible) do we find on this line? Turn to 2 Cor. 6:14, and read, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?" This Scripture has direct reference to people who do not have salvation and oh, how many times some of our best workers have gone down and finally fallen out of the ranks because they gave no heed to these instructions.

As a usual thing our boys and girls lose their power and efficiency when they are in love with a Christain boy or girl and they are not much service when there is a load to pull such as a revival, healing service etc. But when our precious Spirit filled boys and girls fall in love with unbelievers and most always when they marry them, they soon fall by the wayside. Oh, that our young folks would take warning. Young man, young lady, if you want to stand true and be able to overcome take heed to these Scriptures. If you are already tied to an unbeliever be sure that unbelief does not take hold of you. One word of advice, never compromise with them. You will never win them that way. If you stand firm and true you may some day bring them in. But you have to stay sanctified under the blood to claim the promise, 1 Cor. 7:14. If you let them come between you and God, you are not under the blood and have no promise of ever winning them for Christ.

"Take my yoke upon you and learn of me." I am sure that in the work of breaking in the oxen, it is not pleasant to either man or beast, but unless they are drilled and trained they are unfit for the work. Just so with us. When we first take the yoke upon us it sometimes hurts and the load seems heavy and the road long, but the longer the yoke is worn the more hardened we become and greater loads may be moved. So you who have not been broken in until you have become hardened, take courage and be faithful. You will some day be established and unmovable, if we keep the yoke on us. When we remember that we are God's fellow-workers and call to mind many of His precious promises, it will surely tighten the load.

There will not be many of my readers who have not at some time in life, been out when the storm was blowing. The dark clouds would roll, the lightning flash and the thunder peal. We could feel our danger, perhaps we could hear in the distance the roar of the torrents of rain as it was flooding the earth. Oh, how we longed for a shelter. Just anything from which we could protect ourselves from the storm. We would look down the road, and wonder if any house were near, a barn or out building. On the cloud came, faster we drove on, our hearts beating rapidly now. We could see farther on an old house, we drive on and on, the rain begins to fall, a few scattering drops here and there. We hurry on and finally as the storm reaches us we hasten into the shelter and lift up our thankful hearts to the One who gave both the storm and the shelter. Now we appreciate His promises to His yoke-fellows, His fellow workers, to be their refuge. How blessed to know He is our refuge and when we are yoked to Him He will always be present, and when we run into a storm He is our refuge and hiding place and we can shelter under Him until the storm lashes away His fury. Thank God! Thank God! Psa. 9:9, 91:1.

The storm is coming, even now it is gathering fury and strength and before many years are passed we will feel more than ever before the need of the hiding place that only our Yoke-fellow (Jesus) can give. How we need to retire occasionally unto Him until the fury abates that is aroused by preaching His Word. We need wisdom along this line and He has promised wisdom. Luke 21:15. If we would seek His wisdom, remember this is His load we are pulling. We are hired laborers and it is God's gospel to be told to His creation and He has fixed it to suit himself and we have no right to change or alter it.

Many times our laborers ruin a good message with harshness or hardness. It is the truth all right and parallel with the Word, but will not be accepted on account of the way it is delivered. Jesus says, "Learn of me." He preached hard and said some things that drove many away. John 6:60. Yet the multitude hung to Him and listened to His gracious words, even though they were sometimes hard, they were freighted with divine love. You will find sometimes when a hard speech is prompted by the Holy Ghost, it will hit the mark and prove a blessing. Another time you may try the same remark spoken in the same way and it will kill your sermon. We need His kindness and gentleness. Isa. 54:8, 10. 2 Cor. 10:1. You will find a kind word or a sunny smile will always win when a harsh

hard spirit will be detrimental.

Then too, He has promised to renew our strength so that we may run and not be weary and walk and not faint. Many times through the journey of life, if you are wearing the yoke you will appreciate this blessed promise. The poor old oxen, I have seen them, pant and hang out their tongues and their sides would heave. Full well those of you who wear the yoke know the meaning of these words. How often we have felt that we could not make another mile, could not pray another prayer. Many times after preaching until I was exhausted naturally, I have had to work in the altar until it seemed my lungs would burst and then probably several calls for the healing of their body, when I could scarcely breathe. I would call on God for the promise, Isa. 40:31. He would renew my strength and I would again be an intercessor.

About two years ago, I pastored a little non-supporting church. I lived two miles from our place of worship and four miles from the railroad station. From four to ten miles every week, I walked back and forth to services and every two weeks I walked to and from the railroad station to fill an appointment at a distant place. Though several of the saints had conveyances, I was never offered the use of them. Many times when half sick and exhausted in body, I have started to the station when I did not feel that I could go one hundred yards. I would plead the promise again and my Yoke-fellow was always there to pull the greater part of the load—renew my strength.

Well do I remember one cold winter day when I was trudging this long four miles in mud almost to my shoe tops, I was going along in deep meditation. A log lay on the side of the road at the top of a big hill and I sat down to rest. I knew the saints were expecting me home that day and they knew the condition of the road, also my affliction, rheumatism. I sat down on the log and began to pity myself. I told the Lord I was giving my life for the people. To my surprise He spoke and said to me, "I did too." I told him how little I was appreciated and my labor of love was also unappreciated and again He said, "Mine was too." I became ashamed and fell in the mud by the old log and asked Him to forgive me. Oh, how He comforted me that day and I realized then and there that He was helping me bear the load. He renewed my strength and I walked eight hundred and ninety-four miles that year for the Lord. Many times I have had to hunt shade and cool during the hot months and I have felt at times that my blood was boiling and I would retire unto Psa. 121:5, 6. This was a mountainous country and the road very rough and when I would become very tired and I felt that I could not lift my feet over the rocks I claimed the promise in Isa. 5:27, "None shall be weary nor stumble among them," and away I would go with my strength renewed and mount up as an eagle.

Many times men overload the beasts of burden and no amount of scolding, whipping, or abuse can coax them to move the load for their strength is overtaxed. Not so with my Yoke-fellow. Nothing is too hard for Him and though my own strength is small, He helps me to bear everything others may heap upon my load and bears my burdens for me when I cannot go alone. 1 Cor 10:13. When I am wounded among the rocks and briars and thorns, He is ever present to heal my wounds and pour oil on the bruised places. He has promised me rest, sweet rest when I get to the end of the way, and when the way seems long sometimes and the road heavy, I think of the time when I shall lay off the old yoke and be turned into a pasture to graze forever and slack my thirst at the river of life and eat from the tree of life. When His hand will bathe my eyes free from all tears and I am encouraged to press on.

Oh, I am so glad He knows; I am so glad He sees every falling tear and hears every sigh of my weary body and He understands for life went this way before. Thank God for the privilege of being yoked up with Him who bears our burdens for us. Do not wait for the lash to be applied. Obey Him and serve Him in love and you will not need the chastening that is only applied to the disobedient.

The yoke does not tire or fret or gall now. But I have learned to lean to Him and cast the care all upon Him who said, "He careth for you." Praise God for the yoke and for my Yoke-fellow. After the cross, the crown.

Be a Light

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the Saints—Greetings in Jesus' Name: I am praising God this evening for a free salvation that keeps me from sin every day. I am thanking Him for saving me and taking my feet out of the miry clay and putting me on the run for heaven. I have a deep determination to go all the way with the Lord.

I was sanctified about six months ago and I want to be a light for the unsaved people wherever I go. I am glad that I am a member of the Church of God. I am praising the Lord for His healing power, it is sweet to trust in Jesus all the time.

I want the saints to pray for my mother and brothers to get saved and I want you to pray for me to get the Holy Ghost and be true to the dear Lord. I want to always be doing something for the Lord.

Your brother in Christ,
Kellie Hatton,
Winchester, Ky.

Peace and Hope

Dear Saints:

Oh, hallelujah! Great wells of salvation and unspeakable joy and bliss seem to be springing up in my soul this morning. I feel that I must testify.

I always said that peace was the most beautiful word in the Bible and I don't cherish it any less than I always did, but I have learned to prize peace as much. The apostle said of it, "which hope we have an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast." Heb. 6:19. Oh, thank God for this great, great hope. Friends, we know that if a seaman had no anchor in time of storm his vessel would surely come to disaster, and if we as children of God had no hope we would have been wrecked many times since we started on our journey to heaven.

We are told that when bad weather is pending the boatman anchors to a rock if possible. I feel so glad because the true children of God always carry this great anchor of hope. They dare not start on the voyage without it. Oh, how good it is to know that our great Rock is always on hand to which we can anchor in time of storm. Sometimes the tempest rages greatly and we cannot see our Rock by reason of the dense darkness of the night, but, thank God, we know He is there for we have anchored there many times before. Our vessel sails on top of the highest billows and cannot be wrecked on the rocky shore.

Oh, blessed hope! oh, glorious peace, Oh, treasures beyond compare, Hope anchors the vessel that carries us o'er, Sweet peace is a friend who will greet us there.

Were it not for hope on this great sea of time, Our vessels would break on the shoals, Were it not for peace in that city sublime, There would not be sweet rest for your souls.

Oh, the great star of hope as an anchor doth serve, In our vessels to carry us o'er; And the bright dawn of peace our souls do discern, As it brightens eternity's shore.

On our voyage our Captain so often doth give A taste of His peace so sublime; But when in the heaven we will evermore live And feast on this peace all the time.

We'll treasure our anchor, oh, beautiful hope, As a sweet souvenir of the soul; We'll not need it there but we'll give it a place While the years of eternity roll. All glory to God.

Mabel Griffin,
Tampa, Fla.

DIVINE HEALING

Lillie Gibson

Dear ones, I feel like writing a few lines on divine healing, seeing so many people who have the blessing of sanctification and baptism of the Holy Ghost who go down into Egypt for help and put not their trust in the Holy One of Israel. "Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help; and stay on horses, and trust in chariots, because they are many; and in horsemen, because they are very strong; but they look not unto the Holy One of Israel, neither seek the Lord." Isa. 31:1. Many people today are going down to Egypt for help and are failing to take the holy one of Israel for assistance.

Oh, how I thank God today for a Savior so kind so patient, so loving in every way that He suffered cruel heavy stripes laid across His tender back by cruel men that by His stripes we might be healed. Why should we call upon the world for help when Jesus has provided the way for the healing of our bodies, and it was not provided for without a cost, but it caused the suffering of the brightest jewel of heaven that we might be healed of our disease? Shall we ignore His patience? Shall we fail to recognize His suffering? It looks as if we are when we look to some other remedy for our afflictions other than the stripes of Jesus. I imagine how great the pain, as those rough cruel heartless men laid those heavy lashes across His back and how He stood there as a lamb dumb before her shears and suffered all this pain that we might be healed.

Dear friends, the power of God has been sufficient for my body for five years. I am glad that I am not afraid to trust my life in the hands of my Redeemer before I would ignore or dishonor those precious stripes that Jesus suffered for me.

I will lay my hands across my breast, close my eyes in death and soar away for my spirit to rest under the golden altar, until Jesus leaps off His throne and brings the host of heaven back with Him to gather His bride. I believe that at the marriage supper if I had ignored the patient suffering of my Christ, I would be ashamed to look Him in the face. It really means something to trust God. Bless His name. Let us trust Him more than ever before.

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The Sick Shall Recover

Dear Evangel Readers:

I am a little girl nine years old and the Lord has so wonderfully healed me that I want to tell others about it. Four years ago the Lord healed me of dropsy and a few weeks ago it tried to come back on me. Some of the saints prayed for me and the Lord healed me. Soon after, I was taken with an awful hurting in my stomach and head. I asked mama to send for someone to come and pray for me. She sent for Brother Hughes and others and they said I had an awful convulsion. I could not speak for awhile, they prayed until it went off and I seemed much better but in a little while another came on me and the saints prayed until it went off and I seemed better again. A few hours afterwards a lighter one came on, but Jesus completely healed me.

I am well and seeking the Lord. He has saved me but I want to be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Your little sister,
Inez Prevatt,
Wimauma, Fla.

Lift Him Up

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and Evangel Readers—Greetings in Jesus' Precious Name:

Dear ones, I am really thanking and praising God for full and free salvation. About ten years ago, I gave heed to His tender loving voice and He wonderfully saved me, and six years ago I heard holiness preached. I knew my soul was hungering for something more so I began to search out the precious Word of God and I found that Jesus died and shed His blood to sanctify the people. Two years and four months ago, I decided with an honest heart to give up the things of this world and take up the cross and follow Jesus. He sent His mighty power upon me, sanctified me and baptized me with the Holy Ghost and fire and gave me a determination to go all the way with Him. Praise God.

The Lord put His hand on me and called me into the work but feeling so little and unworthy, I resisted and did not work for God as I should, but I praise God this morning for a deeper determination than ever before to work for Him. I know when God wants us to work for Him and lays His hand upon us to do the work that He will give us power. Praise God. I mean to lay aside every weight and run the race with patience. I mean to work for the Lord in spite of all the powers of the enemy. Jesus said we must take up our cross and follow Him if we are worthy to be His disciples.

What is His cross? "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised." Luke 4:18.

Dear brothers and sisters, this is work the Church needs to be doing, let us get about our Father's business. How can the great Church of God with her power of light neglect this work? Let us pray for God to stir up His people that we may prove to the world that we have works as well as faith.

I praise the Lord for the way He is blessing in Copperhill. We have prayer meetings every morning and God blesses every service. The saints here are on fire for God and the latter rain is still falling. People are getting saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. We praise the Lord for sending us our pastor, Brother Hicks, he stays humble before God. We feel that God is doing a great work here, people are looking this way.

I mean to press on and hold up the blood-stained banner and tell the lost and dying world about Jesus. He died for them that they might be redeemed from all sin. I mean to hold up Jesus for He said, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." Dear saints, let us lift Him up as never before, hold on to God's unchanging hand and stand true to the great Church of God as we see her rising and shining above everything in this world. Praise God.

I want to stand true and stay humble before the Lord and obey Him in everything. I am determined to be on the right when God separates His people. Glory to God.

I desire the prayers of every Christian that I will do God's will and obey Him in every thing. I want to win souls for Jesus and warn the people to flee from the wrath to come.

Your unworthy sister,
Mrs. Lizzie Mathis,
Copperhill, Tenn.

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Contend for the Faith

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the Saints Scattered Abroad—Greetings in Jesus' Dear Name:

I am praising God for full and free salvation, for saving, sanctifying, and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost and fire and for the real victory in my soul. It is a very easy thing to say we have the victory when every thing is running smoothly and easily.

Listen to the words of John in 1 John 5:4, "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world: even our faith." Beloved, if we expect to be an overcomer and keep real victory in our souls, we must have implicit faith in God, for Paul tells us in Rom. 1:17, "The just shall live by faith," and again we hear him say, "Without faith it is impossible to please him."

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by our prayers and crying unto God. Too many times we want to go by sight and not exercise faith in God. We find in Heb. 11:1, what faith is. "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. There are many honest hearted people today who have never heard the real Word of God preached. Oh, that God's ministers would earnestly contend for the faith once delivered to the saints. I long for the same faith that was delivered to Daniel, Peter, Stephen and the other prophets and apostles of old, until the mighty signs and wonders would be wrought in these last days and God's Word be confirmed as in the days of the apostles.

Beloved, there is one thing connected with this beautiful lesson of faith that so many of us draw back from and do not accept it so that we might obtain like precious faith. We love God's "shalls" and how we rejoice in reading and testifying that we shall be like Him and these signs shall follow them that believe, but listen! "Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecutions." Here is another one of God's "shalls." Peter tells us that "Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that we should follow his steps." Again Paul says in Rom. 8:16-18, "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him that we may be also glorified together. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us."

There is only one way that I can see to obtain that perfect, complete faith in God today and that is through suffering. The faith which God delivered to His children in the days of old was obtained through suffering. Do you suppose that Moses suffered any while leading the children of Israel out of Egypt? How did he obtain faith in God to lift up his rod and stretch out his hand over the sea, then the waters divided so that the children of Israel could walk through the sea dry shod, but the Egyptians who pursued were drowned in the sea? Do we have any record where Moses suffered in the wilderness and was fed on manna from heaven, where his clothes waxed not old for forty years and where the children of Israel complained at him so often while being led out of bondage? If we want faith in God we must be willing to suffer some things for the Lord.

Let us not forget just here how God destroyed so many of the children of Israel for grumbling and complaining against their leader. Let us take heed what we say about our General Overseer as he does his best for us, lest we find ourselves in the same position as the ones who complained against Moses.

Do you want faith in God? Are we earnestly contending for the same faith that once was delivered to the saints? If so let us not complain in these last days if we do not get everything we want and if the tithes are not coming in as much as we think they should. Remember that these are the last days and we should be the happiest people on earth today as we see the Word being fulfilled just as the prophets of old have told us in the precious Word of God. Do we really believe we are living in the last days? If so lift up your heads and rejoice, oh, ye righteous. Your perfect redemption is nigh—Are you looking for Jesus? If so, let us all join in one, Come quickly Lord Jesus.

Your brother under the blood,
E. C. Scarborough,
Crocket, Texas.

Standing On the Promises

Dear Saints Everywhere—Greetings in Jesus Dear Name:

I am praising the Lord for saving, sanctifying and baptizing me with the Holy Ghost. After the Lord had given me this wonderful salvation, I could not stay in the Baptist church.

I was a member of the Baptist church when I heard the true gospel preached at Miami by Brother Richardson. I was convicted and stayed under conviction for two weeks, then I went to the home of one of the saints of the Church of God and there I received this wonderful blessing. Glory to God. I am on my way to the glory land and will shout and sing as I am standing on the promises of God.

Dear readers, the Lord has wonderfully healed me of stomach trouble. Glory to His precious name.

I am a member of the glorious Church of God, this way grows brighter every day.

I want the saints to pray for my husband that he may be saved, sanctified, baptized with the Holy Ghost and added to the Church of God.

I would like for some Church of God preacher to come here and preach to the people at this place. Your humble sister in Christ,
Louise Jones,
Stockton, Fla.

A REFUTATION

F. J. Lee

To show something of my love to God and for His great Church, I feel that it would be pleasing to Him for me to write a few lines to counteract some false reports that are going the rounds, not for defense of any individual but for defense of the great Church of God. While it is true that the thrusts are made against the General Overseer, yet the devil's aim is at the Church of God.

The General Overseer has received many thrusts, but he still survives spiritually and physically without the least sign of the blow left upon him. Perhaps many of us would have gone down under the darts from fiery tongues, but God has sustained him and kept him sweet in his soul. I have been able by the grace of God to regulate many false reports that were going the rounds in Florida and the people were thoroughly satisfied after hearing explanation concerning the many different reports. I said it was by the grace of God, that these were regulated; while my wife was by my side to confirm the refutation of such reports, I considered it the grace of God after all. She was well known in Florida among the holiness people who visited the camp meetings and she commands the confidence of all who know her. Now the more substantial have been thoroughly settled down and they will be duped no more by any report going in the air.

I will proceed to make mention of some of the later reports. I am not charging any special individual of starting these reports, but if anyone should stick his head up, all may see who it is. The first one I will mention is the one going around that Brother Tomlinson and Brother Lemons have confessed to a certain ex-Church of God minister that they had pulled off from the Original Church of God and were sorry and were going back. Some are asking if it were so. It seems that anyone ought to know that this isn't so for the Church of God is not retrograding but moving forward. (See close of article)

I want to brand this here and now as false. I am not charging some of these ex-Church of God ministers as starting this, but things will get started and you can hardly tell how, but the devil is the father of lies, and he hatches up one and pitches it out in the air and some people catch it very easy upon their breath and send it on.

Another one he has hatched and has been on the breath of some. Here it is, "The reason that the ministers of the Church of God are not getting more money, is because Tomlinson is using the tithes sent up each month to pay lawyer fees and to keep up court litigations."

I want to state here as one who is supposed to know, that this is false and of the blackest nature. The elders are supposed to counsel with the General Overseer about all business affairs of the Church, and there has never been any ruling to the effect that any of the tithes going to the general treasury are for any other purpose than the support of the ministry. Anyone who will entertain this thought is greatly in the dark. Anyone who is prompted to peddle such as the above reports are prompted by the wrong spirit.

Let me insist that when a flying report comes to your ears that you write to your state overseer and let him explain matters to you. Several have come back to the Church of God and confessed that they had been sidetracked by listening to false reports and they would never be duped again.

The more the enemy howls against the Church of God, the higher she soars and the brighter she shines. "It is a good thing that the heart be established with grace."

Original Church (?)

The Original Church fallacy is a scheme concocted by some ex-Church of God ministers, of whom some have come back to the Church of God. I think you can find their confession recorded in the latest minutes. I hear of others that are contemplating coming home.

I am not jeering these dear boys who were once my fellow ministers, but I only write this to warn other dear ones that they be not duped with a false report going the rounds and thereby get caught in a trap.

I have tried to write this with due respect for every one and love for the cause. Amen.

Big Camp Meeting, Boaz, Ala.

Beginning Sept. 2, 1921, to continue as long as the Lord leads. Houses to camp in have been secured and a large barn on the ground to shelter your stock.

We want all the Church of God saints in reach of this place to come and camp. We are expecting all the Helicon band boys to come and camp. The string band from Alabama City will be there a part of the time.

We are expecting campers from Alabama City, Jacksonville, Fayette, Bankhead, Anniston, Murray's Chapel, Fosters Chapel, Mt. Zion, Dora, Empire, Pratt City, Kimberly, Trafford and Helicon.

Come on, dear brothers and sisters, let us have one more old fashioned camp meeting together. This is a new place and we want to get a church established before we leave.

T. L. McLain and wife, J. B. Ellis and M. S. Lemons or F. J. Lee, if either can be secured, will be in charge of the meeting.

We request the prayers of all saints for this meeting.

J. B. Ellis

NOTICES

I have a "Blickensderfer" typewriter for sale. I would like to dispose of it so I could take the money to pay my orphanage pledge. Please let me hear from you if you are interested. R. T. Blackwell, Bay Minette, Ala.

I am an evangelist traveling in wagon, with family, holding meetings anywhere I can. If any one wants a revival write me. D. R. Brooks, Dora, Ala.

I would like to hear from some good Church of God preacher in the evangelist work, who needs some one to play organ and lead singing and help in the work in general. I would like to work in upper states and go to the Assembly this year. J. W. Phillips, R. A., Live Oak, Fla.

The New Bethel meeting will begin August 27th, and will last as long as the Lord leads. If any one comes from afar write me or J. F. Holland, we will meet you at Sapa, which is about two and one half miles from the church. G. C. Dunn, district overseer, Eupora, Miss.

Our revival will begin at Carbon Hill, Ala., August 20th, we are expecting a great time in the Lord. Brother Jesse Clark of Cleveland, Tenn., will be with us.

The Lord has always blessed his labors and we feel sure He will at this time. Come, come, come to the feast. Luther A. Richard, pastor, Pratt City, Ala.

If any Church of God minister feels led to come here to hold a revival we have a place for two who are men. We can have an open air meeting or use a small tabernacle tent or rent a building.

We want help. We may help on your transfer here although we are short of funds.

A brother for lost souls, O. J. Blake, Gen. Del., Topeka, Kans.

To the Readers of the Evangel: It is being circulated, to injure my influence, that I am a "No Helite." I wish to state that this is false. I believe in a real lake of literal burning fire and brimstone, into which will be cast all the wicked. I do not believe the fire to be figurative but real, burning, blazing, smoking fire.

Satan is ever trying to injure my influence, knowing if he could down me he would down the cause of the Lord which I foster. But He that is within me is greater than he that is without, and by God's help I will go through and continue to the end. Amen.

Your humble brother in Christ, R. E. Winsett, E. Chattanooga, Tenn., Box 335.

BATTLEFIELD

J. H. Morris, Matthews, Mo., reports a two weeks meeting held at Boynton, Ark., some time ago, 6 being saved and 4 filled with the Holy Ghost.

REPORTS

A revival closed at Pleasant Hill, Tenn., on July 24th. Our pastor, Brother C. H. Martin, and Brothers Marion White and Vickers were in charge of the meeting. There was one saved and one reclaimed. Several were at the altar almost every night. We are expecting to have another revival here in October so pray much for Brother Martin and the members that God may have us where He can use us.

Lue Brown, clerk, Pleasant Hill, Tenn.

We have just closed a ten weeks meeting at Dalton Ga., with about 50 saved, about 40 sanctified, about 30 received the Holy Ghost, 23 were added to the church and 19 followed the Lord in water baptism. The Lord performed many wonderful healings. Praise His dear name!

The Lord gave us a lot to build a church on. The same brother who gave us the lot, with two others, gave the framing for a 40x60 ft. building and we have over \$100 made up on the church.

G. W. Wood, pastor, W. W. Rush, evangelist.

The meeting has just closed at Bristol, Ga., 14 were saved, 7 sanctified and 5 received the Holy Ghost.

The Lord worked in power. One sister handled hot lamp chimneys and several were healed. One unsaved woman thought she was dying and sent for us on the third night of the meeting. The message reached us just as the service closed and we hastened to her home. We dropped on our knees and called on the great Physician. In a few minutes everything was quiet and the great sufferer was asleep. It reminded us of the awful time on the sea when the disciples woke Jesus in the midst of the storm. Hallelujah!

Satan ran us from the schoolhouse where we began the meeting but he just moved us to a large meeting house only a short distance and at the first service the house would not begin to hold the people. Old settlers said they never saw such a gathering at that place before. To Jesus be all the praise.

We organized a Sunday school and expect a church in the near future. Yours in His service, Mary D. McHargue.

Report and Suggestion

I am praising God today for salvation full and free. I also praise Him for the dear old Church of God. I am delighted in her government. I love her tithing system. While our country is in a financial strain and tithes are small and our General Overseer is under such a burden, let us as pastors, teachers, evangelists, overseers etc., be content with our allotments. Let us help carry the burden in every way we can. Every dollar counts and the Sunday schools in Maryland are trying to carry out the plan of the birthday offering every Sunday—a penny for each year of the age. So when our mothers and fathers drop in their fifty or sixty cents each year it will count up, provided we have a large Sunday school. The amount can be saved and sent to headquarters to pay on the Orphanage. Maryland is in a financial strain but we will do our part.

We opened a revival meeting about three miles from Fruitland, Md. in a tent. The meeting ran a week and the devil had the tent burned down. We built a brush arbor and the meeting continued for five weeks. Even though we were rotten egged and persecuted yet God gave us the victory.

Nineteen were saved, fifteen sanctified and ten received the baptism of the Holy Ghost with the Bible evidence of speaking in tongues. Sixteen came into the Church of God and seventeen were baptized in water. I feel like shouting. Pray for us. Your humble servant for God, Paul H. Walker, overseer of Md.

Her Heart Reached and Saved

Dear Saints: I am still praising God for this wonderful salvation that keeps me each day above sin. Praise His holy name! I was saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives the utterance, at Brother J. P. Hughes' meeting at Manatee, Fla., May 3th, this year, and I am still determined by the help of God to go all the way. Sometimes the way seems dark but if we go to God in prayer He will help us.

Mother died when I was only a small child and for three years I have been staying with my sister. I had never heard holiness preached but one time before I came to Florida three years ago. Then I fought it as hard as any one could, but at last the dear Lord reached my heart and saved me from this world of sin. I can never praise Him enough for it.

I was under conviction during a meeting here in Dec., 1920, conducted by Brother C. A. Churchill, but my sister told me if I went again I would have to leave home. The holiness people told me I could find plenty of homes, but, in some way, I could not give up, for she had been mother and sister to me and I dearly loved her. The meeting closed and I was still unsaved. Of course the devil was glad for I went deeper in sin.

In May Brother J. L. Williams took me with his family to Manatee. I got under conviction again and oh, how I wanted to fall in the altar and cry out to God to save my poor soul which was lost but my sister had forbidden me to go. I went again and Brother Hughes talked to me, still I could not give up. I had cried and prayed all day for God to give me courage to leave home so He heard my prayers and on May 2nd, I left home and I am praising God tonight for it. Hell would have been my doom if I had rejected God this time for I felt like it was my last call. If there are others in the condition I was, give up all and come to God before it is too late. I can never praise Him enough. Glory to God!

I am not as close to God as I want to be. I want to be humble and live so close to God that people can find nothing but Jesus in my life. I have many loved ones who are out in sin and know nothing about Jesus. Pray for them to be saved before it is too late. Pray that I will be a soul winner for God.

Your sister under the blood, Stella Garner, Cortez, Fla.

He is My All in All

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and Saints Scattered Abroad:

I am praising the Lord for saving me from a life of sin. When I was wandering in the dark, He brought me into this marvelous light. Praise His holy name. I am praising the Lord for His sanctifying power.

I am truly saved, sanctified and have the baptism of the Holy Ghost. I realize He is my all in all and I trust Him for the healing of my body. "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him and with his stripes we are healed." Isa. 53:5. Praise His holy name.

I am praising the Lord for the great Church of God and because I am a member. I want the saints to pray that God will open up the way for us to have a church house to worship in. I love the Church of God and all her teaching, her government and doctrine.

I want the saints to pray for me that I will ever live true and humble. Your sister under the blood, Renry E. Mathews, clerk, Buena Vista Station, Miami, Fla.

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Be Sober, Be Vigilant

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the Saints of God:

I am praising God for His loving kindness and tender mercies to me all through life. He has done so much for me and I have done so little for Him. He has been calling and pleading for me to give my life to Him for a long time but not until about eight months ago could I make up my mind to give my heart to God. I would think that I could not live that kind of a life now, but would think of what a good life I would live later. Several times in my life when I would get sick I would ask the Lord to spare my life and I would serve Him, but when He would raise me up I would neglect to do as I had promised.

I have had many "ups" and "downs" but I have always found help and comfort in reading God's precious Word.

"Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you. Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world. But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered awhile, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you." 1 Pet. 5:6-10.

I will be glad when I will be perfectly established, strengthened and settled in God's Word and ways like He would have me to be and be a fit subject to do something in return for the many blessings He has bestowed upon me all my life.

I want the prayers of all God's people that I may have a better understanding of the Scriptures and that I may be able to discern the good spirit from the evil. "But what I do, that I will do, that I may cut off occasion from them which desire occasion; that wherein they glory, they may be found even as we. For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works." 2 Cor. 11:12-15.

I want to know more about God's Word so I can tell saint's angels and ministers when I come in contact with them. "For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect." Matt. 24:24.

I am glad the elect snail not be deceived if they heed Christ's Word. I want to be one of Christ's elect children and to ever watch and pray that that day may not overtake me as a thief in the night but that I may ever keep my light burning brightly.

Pray for husband and me that we may stay humble at Jesus' feet and raise our two children in a way that will be pleasing to God. Pray for the church at this place that she may always be a bright and shining light for God.

Your sister in Christ Jesus, Mrs. Jessie Gaines, Henning, Tenn.

NOTICE

To Whom This May Concern:

Any minister, clerk or member wishing a notice, request, report or any writing to be printed in the Evangel of a certain date should send writing to the Evangel office at least two weeks before that date, to insure getting them in the paper on the date desired. This applies more especially to notices of meetings and requests for the sick.

Working For the Orphanage

Dear Brother Tomlinson: I praise God for this great plan of salvation.

I am a little girl, twelve years old and have the Holy Ghost. There are six girls here that have the Holy Ghost.

I have some brothers and sisters unsaved and I do want them to be saved. My papa has gone on to heaven, he died when I was eleven years old and I do want to meet him in glory. I praise the Lord for His healing power. I have not taken any medicine since I was two years old. Our hand of girls is tacking quilts for the Orphan's Home.

I want to be a soul winner for God. Yours for lost souls, Pauline Caruthers, Wimauma, Fla.

Joy Unspeakable

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the Saints of God:

I am rejoicing this morning in the joy that is flooding my soul. He has saved me from all sins, sanctified me through the blood and baptized me with the Holy Ghost and fire. Praise His dear name. I thank God for the great Church of God, who is shining in these last days. Glory to God. I love her government and teaching. I love to pay tithes and do all the Lord tells us to do. By the grace of God and His keeping power, I am determined to go on with the Lord.

Dear saints, I desire your prayers that I may keep true and humble and low down at the feet of Jesus. Praise His dear name. I want to live so that I will be ready when He comes or calls.

Your sister looking for His coming, Rosa Taylor, Miami, Fla.

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Margaret Bissey, Fostoria, Ohio, requests prayer for one of her friends to be saved.

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Pearl Moss, Circleville, Ohio, asks the saints to pray a special prayer for his wife to be healed.

Mrs. Lizzie Phillips, Fonda, Ky., requests prayer to be healed of lung and liver trouble.

Mary Kilgore, Dunlap, Tenn., requests prayer that she and her husband will stand true.

Mrs. Ella Cranswell, Dora, Ala., requests prayer for her family to be saved before it is too late.

Mrs. Minnie Youngblood, Fonda, Ky., requests prayer that the Lord will heal her of liver and other troubles.

Allie Brazzil, Waco, Tex., requests all the saints to pray for the prisoners in the jail where they have services.

Estelene Earls, Ruleville, Miss., requests special prayer that she may be healed of pellagra.

Ruth Williams, Mayo, Fla., requests the saints to pray that God will heal her weak eyes.

Lydia M. Dean, Gainesville, Fla., wants special prayer that her daughter may be healed, she is very sick.

Mrs. M. Mims, Valley Hill, Miss., requests prayer that God will heal her body and that her husband and children will seek the Lord.

S. L. Burton, Jasper, Ala., requests prayer for her eyes to be healed, she can hardly see to read her Bible at night.

Mrs. W. B. Langford, Bartow, Fla., requests the saints to pray a special prayer for God to heal her of a trouble in her side.

Mrs. Lillie Powell, Plant City, Fla., asks earnest prayer for her daughter to be healed and that she may get salvation.

Postell Williams, Mayo, Fla., wants the saints to pray that he may be saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.

Mrs. Jane Hunt, Alton, Fla., requests special prayer that she may be healed of asthma and be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.

Fred Stafford, Tucker, Fla., requests

prayer that he may be able to read and understand God's Word better.

Mrs. Maude Odum, Doerun, Ga., requests the saints to pray that God will heal her side. Also pray for her blind father who is almost helpless.

Bessie Frinks, Jupiter, Fla., requests prayer that her husband and mother may be saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.

Mrs. Francis Hayhant, Phoenix, Ark., asks the saints to pray that God will heal her body, give her the Holy Ghost and save her husband before it is too late.

Minnie Peterson, Bolton, N. C., wants all the saints to pray that she may be healed of head and side trouble. Also that God will heal her mother.

Mrs. Ethel Grimes, Onlin, Mo., requests the saints to pray that she may be healed of throat and stomach trouble and for her sister and several friends to receive the Holy Ghost.

Leeroy Rash, Exline, Iowa, requests prayer for his brother to receive the Holy Ghost, for his father to see the light and walk in it, and for his mother to be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.

Blonde Secrest, Monroe, N. C., requests the saints to pray that she will be healed of nervousness and other things. Also pray that she and her loved ones will be saved.

Mollie King, Lexington, N. C., requests the saints to pray for her little boy who is very low with fever. Also pray that her family may be saved and filled with the Holy Ghost.

D. R. Lingefelt and wife, Niota, Tenn., requests prayer of all the saints that they may be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and that their children may be saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost.

Mrs. R. P. Williams, Mayo, Fla., requests prayer that her two children who have the Holy Ghost may stand true, for a Church of God preacher to come to that place and hold a meeting, and for her husband to get the blessing before it is too late.

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PURE AND UNDEFILED RELIGION

Gilford Tippins

"Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." James 1:27.

The writer is telling what pure and undefiled religion is. First, he tells us to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction. He did not have to tell us what to do after we visited them. I believe he knew what we would do if we were sanctified.

"What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him? If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, and one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit? Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone." James 2:14-17. This lesson teaches us that we must do more than say, "Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled."

In the latter part of the text, he tells us to keep ourselves unspotted from the world. Of course it does not read just that way all together, but it means everybody when it says himself. There is a great lesson in this text.

"And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the

renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." Rom. 12:2. "For this is the will of God, even your sanctification." 1 Thes. 4:3.

How are we going to prove the will of God? How should we prove the will of God or prove we are wholly sanctified? By keeping ourselves unspotted from the world. "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world." Tit. 2:11,12.

"Do all things without murmurings and disputings: That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world." Phil. 2:14,15.

Brothers and sisters, we as the Church of God, and children of God are lights to the world. You can take a light of any kind that has a globe on it, but if we let the globe get blacked up and never try to keep it shined, it gets to where it is hidden by blackness. We are the lights and must keep shined up. There are many ways we can get spotted, the things of the world will spot us. I know something about worldly lusts as I am a young man and have done nearly everything the devil wanted me to do, but I am a new creature now and am trying to

keep myself unspotted from the world.

"Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord." Psa. 119:1. We want to stay in the way, not in the ways or some person's way, but in the way that shall be called the way of holiness and be undefiled as David said. Praise God, for His people that will keep themselves unspotted from the world.

"Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ." Col. 2:8.

"Wherefore if ye be dead with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, are ye subject to ordinances. (Touch not; taste not; handle not; Which all are to perish with the using); after the commandments and doctrines of men?" Col. 2:20-22.

I believe if we have the pure and undefiled religion, we will stick to the Church of God and not go against her teachings. We will visit the fatherless and widows in their afflictions and not only visit them, but get our pocket books out and divide the last dollar we have with them. If we are sanctified, I know we will keep ourselves unspotted from the world, if we don't our lamp globe will soon be so dark and our light cannot shine and finally the oil is gone and nothing but the empty vessel is left.

I am glad the Church of God is so strict with her government and rules. God bless all of you and may we keep ourselves unspotted from the world.

Signs That Follow Believers

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the Dear Saints:
I am praising my blessed Savior. He has done so much for me. I have had the Holy Ghost six years and the way seems brighter as I go up the shining way.

I want to tell a little of the experiences I have had lately. I have a place where I have been going to pray, and have been asking God for more faith. I wanted to get to the place where all the signs would follow me. One morning I prayed, then I read the Bible and knelt again to pray and there was a large rattlesnake lying close by. I got back a short distance from it. My husband came and we prayed and shouted and talked in tongues, it seemed so gentle and did not try to bite. We let it crawl off. The next morning I went back to pray again. I read some in the Bible, and looked around to see if the snake were there as I didn't want to get close to it, but when I knelt to pray, the snake was coiled up close to me again. I am telling this for the glory of God. I suppose I had been sitting by the serpent for half an hour and it did not offer to bite me. I know I am serving the same God that closed the lions' mouths. I know it would be wonderful to take up a serpent under the power of God. I had such victory for a week after that and so much of the power of the Lord. It seemed as if I would almost leave the earth at times.

Dear saints, I can see the hand of the Lord with His church as never before. I am looking for great signs and wonders to be done in His name. I find in Heb. 10:38, "Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him." Dear Saints, let us wake up and pray for a closer walk with God. Glory to God. He is all the world to me. I love the little Evangel, the testimonies of the dear saints and the sermons of our General Overseer are food for my soul. Pray for me. Mrs. J. H. Mull, Phoenix, Ariz.

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I would like to hear from some of the Church of God members.
Your sister under the blood,
Inez M. Adams,
Crecent, Okla.

Saints, Look Up

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and Saints Scattered Abroad:
I want to praise God this morning because I have a greater determination to stand true than ever before. We have had a little test to meet but it was good for me. Oh, how I do want the Church of God to rise and shine.

Saints, it is time to look up for we are beginning to meet a few little trials. We must stand true to God. I man to press on.

Everybody is welcome to come to our meetings. I do want to see this place shaken by the mighty power of God. I know it can be done although it may take much fasting and praying to see the great work done that we expect.

Saints, stand true regardless of what happens. Time is too short and eternity too long for us to idle away any of our time. Pray for me.
Your sister in Jesus,
Georgia Ridgeway,
Route 2, Altoona, Ala.

Finds Right Church

Dear Brother Tomlinson, and All the Dear Saints Abroad—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I have been in the dark for some time about God's Church. There are many churches and I have been trying to find the right one but when I looked in the church rules I found that they were not lined upon the Bible. So I prayed for God to lead me right. After ordering some tracts and finding the teachings of the Church of God, I became a member because I believe her teachings are true.

I am in a new field at present and there are many hungry souls here. We want to organize a church here and set it on order.

About two years ago, the Lord saved me and I was baptized. Later, He filled me with the Holy Ghost and I have been enjoying holiness ever since. May the Lord bless and help you till we meet on the golden shore.
Your brother in Christ,
M. L. Muse,
Booneville, Miss.

Saved and Sanctified

Dear Saints of the Lord:
I want to praise God this morning for the great Church of God. For years I tried to live a Christian life in the Baptist church but people said we could not live above sin. Then I read in 1 John 3:8, "He that committeth sin is of the devil." My heart was hungry to live as God had commanded me to live. Then, about a year ago, God sent Sister Miller and Sister Dever to this place with a tent and my heart was really touched. In that meeting God saved and sanctified my wife and me. In the same meeting, a poor old blind man was saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and we took him into our home to live with us. We now have a house of prayer.

There are only a few members in our church but God is blessing. We had an all day meeting on Sunday, July 10th, and God sure did bless. Brothers Bolding and Jupon were with us and gave us interesting messages. Sister Lawwell was also with us and gave a talk on the gospel of Christ. Messages were given in tongues and interpreted. I am glad to see our little church climbing. I want to ask all of the dear saints to pray that God will supply our needs so we can build a church at this place. We already have the lot.
Your brother under the blood,
Jack Buford,
Brandenburg, Ky.

Salvation We Know About

Dear Brother Tomlinson:
I want to praise God today for real Bible salvation. I praise Him for being so kind and ready to forgive us of our sins. He really saved me, later He sanctified me with His precious blood and about two months ago He baptized me with the blessed Holy Ghost with the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance.

I praise His dear name because we can go to Him in prayer and ask anything in faith and receive it. It is just wonderful. This way grows brighter every day. I am glad God says we must live clean and holy. He says, "Without holiness no man shall see the Lord." I'm so glad, too, that I am a member of the dear old Church of God and by the help and power of God I mean to stand until He comes or calls.

I want the saints of God everywhere to pray for God to give my husband these wonderful blessings. Please pray that God will give us many more souls and give us a church here at an early date. Also pray that He will give me one of the gifts, the one that I can use the best for His glory.

Your sister looking for Christ,
Mrs. Lucile Tuggle,
Lynchburg, Va.

Like it Was The Last (Continued from page one)

doors through which multitudes are dropping every moment into the rolling waters of that prodigious tide—yes, that remains a most true picture of human life! And should we not expect that men would at least be serious in this short journey, and do justly, and love mercy, and walk humbly with their God? We live for a moment; we shall live for ever and ever. Yet how are we occupying ourselves? Multitudes of us are chasing bubbles."

There is only one way to insure happiness, and that is, to be loyal to God, loyal to Jesus, loyal to the Holy Ghost and loyal to the Church of God. And these all agree. There is no friction between God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost and the Church of God. There is a smooth sea in this glorious realm. Each has His office to fill and each exercises His authority in His sphere, and no hindrance or criticism. Perfect confidence reigns and thus is perfect work done. Without the Father all is a failure; without the Son all is a failure; without the Holy Ghost all is a failure, and without the Church of God the plan of God back in eternity cannot succeed. And upon us who are members the responsibility now rests heavily, because this is the time for the Church to rise and come into prominence.

Some of the members may fail, but if they do they fail to their own hurt. Some may choose an easier path, but if they do they will regret it some day. Some may conclude the way is too narrow, but if they do they will find themselves in the broad-road to ruin probably when it is too late to return to the old paths. Some may some day feel bad because they did not stand the test and remain with the loyal and true blue.

How anxious I am that every member makes the very best of life and not while it away as a tale that is told. The end is not far away, it may be tonight. As for myself I want no regrets to pile up on my pillow at the last. I want a smooth sea, as far as that is concerned, upon which to row my barque across. What I want for myself I want for all. Come on! Heed the call!

Be Ye Ready

Dear Brother Tomlinson:
I praise the Lord because He saved and sanctified me and last April, He gave me the precious Holy Ghost. I have followed the Lord in water baptism and have been added to the great and glorious Church of God. I mean by the help of the Lord to stand by the Church as long as this life lasts. I am doing my best to lift Jesus high in this world.

Jesus said, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." Praise the Lord. I am so glad people are being drawn into this strait and narrow way. I want thousands more to come.

Come on, friends, let us not let the enemy back us down, we know he is trying to capture God's children. Come on, sinner friends, the time is short, so let us build on a rock foundation so when the winds and floods come, we will not blow nor wash away. Let us not be like the five foolish virgins but have our lamps trimmed and burning when He comes. He will come as a thief in the night when we least expect him. It will pay us to be ready all the time.

I feel like I can truthfully say, that most of us need more unity, wisdom and charity. God can give us more than we ask or think. Let us trust in His promises, God cannot lie, so let us get what He has promised us. Jacob wrestled with the angel all night and would not let him go until the blessing came. Job was perfect and upright, yet he suffered, but look what happened when all the suffering was over. He was patient, let us also be patient.

I have many loved ones in sin, please pray for them. Pray that brother and myself will stand true.
Your sister in Christ,
Annie Douglass,
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